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FOR SIMONS FROM SCHMIDT

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1. RAUTA. WE HAVE SENT BY POUCH A MEMCON OF A MEETING
BETWEEN FRANK, CLIFF BRODY, RAUTA AND JOHN REHM. YOUR
COMMENTS ARE WELCOME, AS ALWAYS.

2. PICKERING. PICKERING IS ACTING UNOFFICIALLY AS ASSIS-
TANT SECRETARY BUT THE WHITE HOUSE HAS NOT SENT HIS NOMIN-
ATION TO CONGRESS FOR CONFIRMATION.

3. RIBICOFF AND EARTHQUAKE AID. UNLESS YOU HAVE ALREADY
DONE SO WE WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFORMATION YOU
HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP IN REGARD TO STATE 190143 SO
THAT WE MAY REPLY TO RIBICOFF'S INQUIRY.

4. KUDOS. YOUR CABLE ON THE CEAUSESCU-BREZHNEV MEETING
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WAS FIRST CLASS AS WAS THE REPORT ON CEAUSESCU'S AUGUST 4
SPEECH.

5. CARTER-CEAUSESCU LETTER. THE LETTER HAS BEEN AT THE
NSC SINCE AUGUST 9. WE HOPE TO GET IT OUT BY THE WEEKEND.

6. MANGIAFICO'S VISIT. FRANK AND I HAD SOME VERY USEFUL
TALKS WITH LOU ON THE CAT AS WELL AS CONSULAR PROBLEMS IN

GENERAL. I BELIEVE THAT LOU'S TALK WITH THE CONSULAR PEOPLE HAS HELPED CLEARING UP SOME OF THE CONFUSION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPENDING MOVE BY THE CONSULAR SECTION. YOUR CABLE ALSO WAS OF GREAT ASSISTANCE. LOU WILL FILL YOU IN ON THE PROPOSED NEXT STEP.

7. ANDREI'S UNGA VISIT. ANY FURTHER WORD ON DATES? PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS YOU GET SOMETHING SO THAT WE CAN WORK ON A BILATERAL.

8. HARRIMAN'S BOOKS. HARRIMAN WAS MOST GRACIOUS ON YOUR BOOKS SUGGESTIONS. HE WILL FURNISH US WITH THE AUTOGRAPHED COPIES AND WE WILL SHIP THEM TO YOU AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE THEM.

9. VIP COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. EXPORT APPROVAL FOR VIP COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IS CURRENTLY SNAGGED AT COCOM IN PARIS. FRG, UK, JAPAN, AND FRANCE ARE ALL ON RESERVE ON THIS CASE. OES CALLED AN INTER-AGENCY MEETING LAST FRIDAY TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVES, AND ANOTHER MESSAGE WAS SENT TO OUR DELEGATION STRESSING THE HIGH LEVEL INTEREST IN THIS CASE. THE US DELEGATION WILL MAKE ONE MORE PITCH, AND IF THERE IS NO PROGRESS BY EARLY SEPTEMBER APPROACHES COULD BE MADE IN THE FOUR CAPITALS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY LEVEL.

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10. NEW PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ON EXPORT CONTROL. WE HAVE RECEIVED COMMERCE'S NEW EXPORT CONTROL REGULATIONS FOR PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT (SEE OUR PREVIOUS O-I ITEM) AND HAVE POUCHEO COPIES TO YOU. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE NEW REGULATIONS APPLY ONLY TO EXPORTS TO THE SOVIET UNION. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THESE RESTRICTIONS WILL BE EXTENDED BEYOND THE USSR. HOWEVER, WE WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH FOR SIGNS THAT A MORE RESTRICTIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE USSR IS SPILLING OVER TO OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

11. US-ROMANIAN RELATIONS IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS. THE FOLLOWING IS FYI FOR THE AMBASSADOR AND YOU ONLY AT THIS POINT: WE HAVE HADE A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS TO LUERS AND NIMETZ OF POSSIBLE STEPS WE MIGHT TAKE TO SIGNAL OUR CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR ROMANIA AND FOR US-ROMANIAN RELATIONS. WE ARE CONSIDERING A VISIT TO BUCHAREST BY A "SPECIAL EMISSARY" IN EARLY SEPTEMBER (POSSIBLY MATT NIMETZ) WHO COULD TALK FRANKLY ABOUT RECENT EVENTS, BRIEF THE ROMANIANS ON THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT AND GET A READ-OUT ON THE HUA VISIT, AND ALSO HOPEFULLY, GIVE THEM CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF OUR SUPPORT

FOR INCREASED ECONOMIC RELATIONS (E.G., VIA SOME
EXPORT LICENSE APPROVALS, TRIGA FUEL LICENSE, ETC.)

12. GEORGESCU. BILLINGTON TOLD BARNES THAT HE PLANS TO
CONTACT NICOLAE (WHEN HE RETURNS) ABOUT GEORGESCU. IN
THE MEANTIME, HE WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH EUGEN WEBER
ABOUT THE LETTER GEORGESCU SENT HIM AND WILL ALSO TALK
TO DR. BRZEZINSKI.

13. SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION. BOB MORRIS AND I TROMPED
OVER TO BODO BARTOCHA'S OFFICE YESTERDAY AND COMPLAINED
ABOUT HIS STATEMENT TO NICOLAE ABOUT NOT RENEWING THE
MOU. SUFFICE IT TO SAY AT THIS POINT THAT NSF WILL
RENEW WHEN STATE REQUESTS IT, BUT THEY ARE VERY UNHAPPY
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ABOUT THAT PROGRAM WITH ROMANIA. I'LL GIVE YOU MORE OF
A REPORT EARLY NEXT WEEK.
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